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### PHOTO SUBMISSIONS

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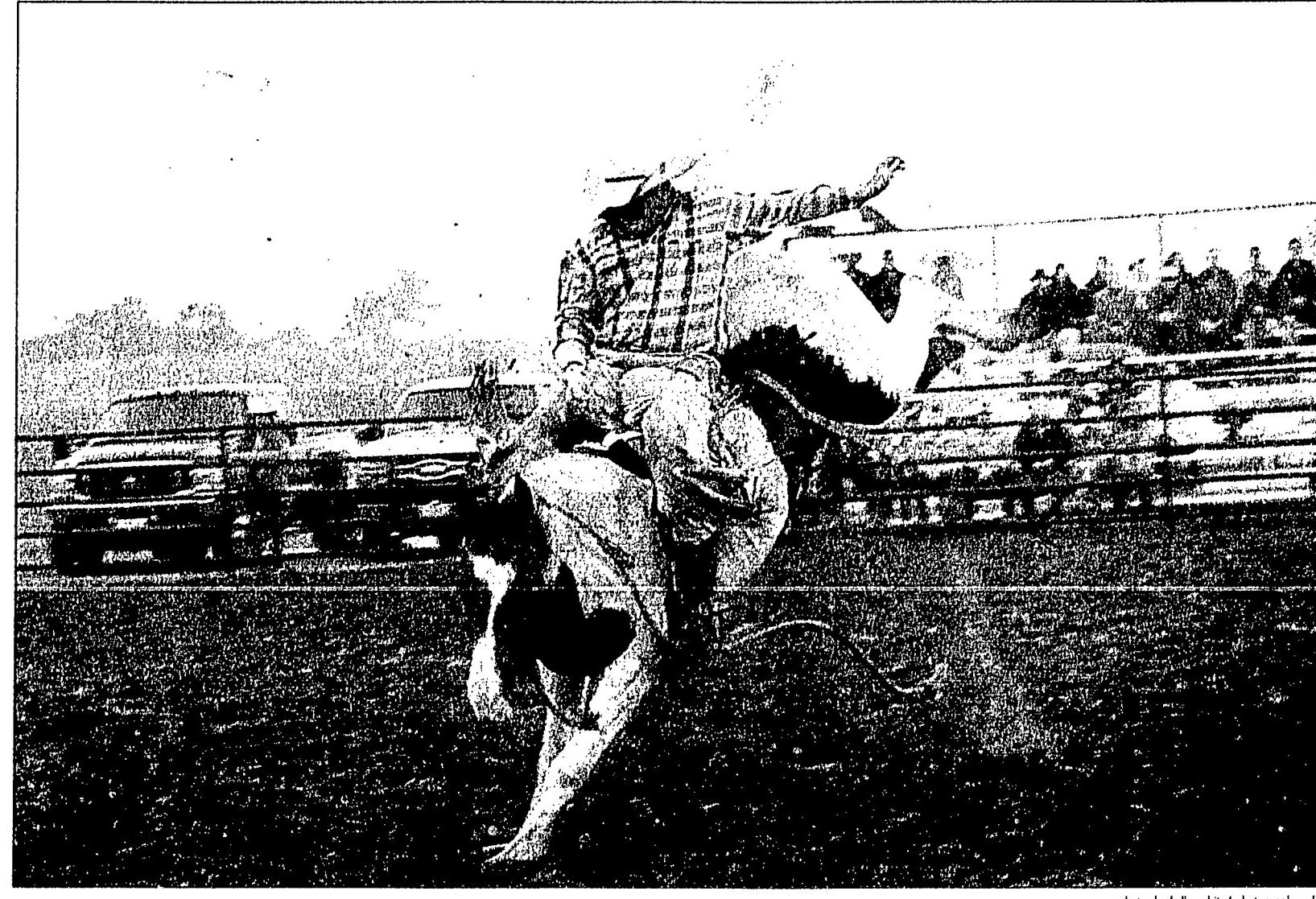
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Check out the new look of *The Northwest Missourian* online!

Visit our online addition for a slideshow of the Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo and a slideshow of Nodaway County's Relay for Life.

# Rustlin' up a good ol' time



(above) A horse called 'Homeboy' takes Ray Archer for a ride during the bareback bronc riding competition at the Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo Saturday night. (top right) Aron Robins rides the bull called "Gold Coast" for a score of 71 during the rodeo Saturday.

## Area residents enjoy the weekend at Ed Phillips Arena

Kristin Summers  
*Chief Reporter*

Dust rose up into the air as sounds of hooves galloping and gates clanking started off a 12-year-old tradition.

The Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo took place Sept. 8 and 9 at the Ed Phillips Arena. Events varied from bareback riding to steer wrestling.

The rodeo was put on by the Holly Phillips family and the Northwest Rodeo Team.

Checking in contestants, Patty Spire helped with the rodeo every year. Spire said this is something her family does all the time and that rodeos continue on, rain

or shine.

"It's fun to bring what we do here to our home town," Spire said.

Practicing his roping techniques, 4-year-old Houston Stephens was at the rodeo to watch his father team rope. Wearing his plaid shirt, cowboy boots and hat, with toy gun and holster on his side, Stephens said when he grows up he wants to ride sheep and team rope.

Morgan Wilmes from Barnard, started bull riding this past summer and rode for the first time at the rodeo.

Wilmes said he wasn't scared and started bull riding because one of his friend's rides.

One of Wilmes rituals before he rides is

to pray and hopes to continue bull riding for a while.

His parents had to sign for him to ride at the rodeo since he's 16 and Wilmes attributed his successful first ride to beginner's luck.

Also for the first time this year Consumers Oil Company set up a tent at the rodeo. Brenda Neff said that Consumers Oil is expanding merchandise in their store and wanted to let people know. Neff said her favorite event was mutton busting, which is sheep riding for children. She was also surprised at the success of the Consumers Oil tent.

Chatting and snapping photos of the

see **RODEO** on 6A

## Gateway extends contract

Northwest rejoins Gateway in \$2.5 million partnership

Lindsay Jacobs  
*Chief Reporter*

On a warm Friday afternoon a crowd gathered in front of the old Armory building.

Before Friday afternoon the building was known as Northwest's Electronic Campus Support Center and Alumni Call Center.

The purpose was to rename the building to the Gateway Electronic Support Center and Gateway Call Center (GECSC), to commemorate the \$2.5 million partnership between Gateway and Northwest. Ever since 2001 Northwest has received more than 4,000 tablet and notebook computers from Gateway.

This deal will continue to allow Northwest's Information Systems to provide computing hardware and service for Gateway computers.

Sophomore Daman Kapor, who is the peer educator in a residence for technology (PERT) in Dietrich hall said the dedication should have come sooner.

"I think it should have happened a long time ago since the Gateway computers have been here a while," Kapor said.

Gateway was founded in 1985, and is the third largest PC company in the United States.

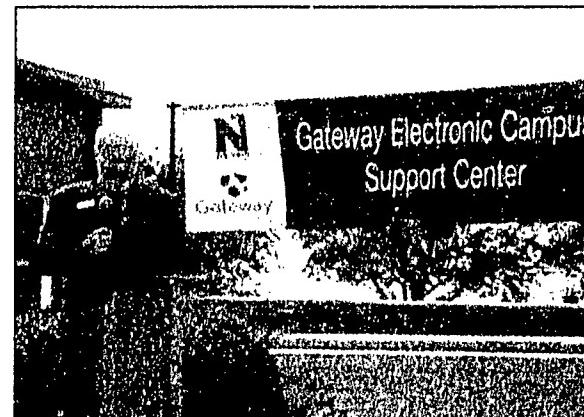
During his welcome address Jon Rickman, vice president for information systems, informed the crowd that 51 years ago Harry S. Truman came to dedicate the building for the National Guard.

Rickman told the crowd that the building isn't excessive, but it is adequate. He also said a couple

of thousands of students come through the building every fall to pick up their notebook computers they will use for the year.

Rita Hanks, president of the board of regents, presented Kevin Shabow, Gateway's senior director of sales, a plaque that had the new name on it as well as the date the building was dedicated.

"Technology is the infrastructure, it's not a thing that gives you a competitive edge like it used to; it's the infrastructure," Shabow told the crowd.



John Rickman, vice president of information systems at Northwest, welcomed many at the Gateway Dedication and Ribbon Cutting Ceremony Sept. 8.

A green ribbon was cut after Shabow's speech.

Shabow also said technology is the gateway to learning.

"We hope the new name can stay with us for the next 51 years," Rickman said.

see **SEMA** on 6A

## Exercise to test disaster response

By Evan Young  
*University Editor*

If you happen to witness any terrorist activity around Northwest this Saturday, don't be alarmed—this is only a test.

Missouri's State Emergency Management Agency (SEMA) in Jefferson City will dispatch seven Homeland Security Response Teams (HSRTs) Sept. 16, to locations around Nodaway County—including Maryville and the Northwest campus—for training exercises with area officials involving terrorism and bioterrorism scenarios.

Local and regional law enforcement officers, firefighters, emergency personnel and public officials will respond to three or four simultaneous disaster simulations in various locations around the county.

First responders on the scene will find "real" victims and hazardous situations. From there, they must determine whether or not the scenarios are terrorist-related and decide if they can contain the situation or if they should request help from SEMA.

If local and regional personnel find they are overwhelmed by the disaster, they will ask for SEMA assistance via a city/county Emergency Operations Center in Maryville.

The SEMA State Emergency Operations Center will then send out either entire HSRTs or specialized

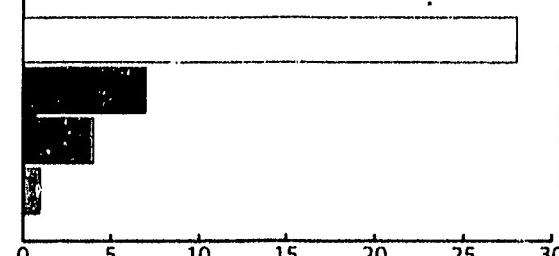
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Conductor Captain Donald Schofield joins the U.S. Air Force Band of Mid-America in the National Anthem Monday night.

photo by kelle white | photography editor



Where were you when the planes hit the Twin Towers?



### RELAY FOR LIFE

Rylan Teale, 21 months, went to Relay for Life with his family to support his grandpa, who is in remission from throat and neck cancer, see page 3A for full story.



photo by stephanie stangl | editor in chief

**CAMPUSBRIEFS****Northwest to sign KC Center memorandum of understanding**

Officials from Northwest Missouri State University and Liberty Public Schools will sign a memorandum of understanding at 11 a.m. Monday, Sept. 18, formalizing the agreement that created the Northwest Kansas City Center.

The signing will take place at the center, which is located in Blite Jay Tower Plaza, a district-owned office building adjoining the grounds of Liberty High School.

Under the terms of the memorandum, Northwest will continue to occupy the building's top two floors rent-free while paying for technological renovations.

Since the center began operating in early 2006, it has served about 800 students working to complete degree programs in curriculum and instruction, physical education and instructional technology.

**Spots still available for KXCV's Greek tour**

Spots are still available for KXCV's "On the Go with Public Radio" tour of Greece and the Greek Islands.

The tour goes from May 25 through June 8, 2007. Highlights include trips to Athens and the Acropolis, Mykonos, Santorini, Olympia and a winery tour.

Cost is \$3,899 per person for a double occupancy room and includes transportation, insurance, hotels, 22 meals, admission charges, taxes and fees. Reservations must be made by Oct. 25. Remaining vacancies will be filled on a first-come, first-served basis.

For more information, call Gayle Hull, KXCV/KNRW membership/promotions director, at 562-1163; e-mail at [għull@nwmissouri.edu](mailto:għull@nwmissouri.edu) or visit [Kxev.org](http://Kxev.org) and click "Tours."

**Campus to host fall Exploring Majors fair in ballroom**

Career Service's fall Exploring Majors fair will take place from 12:30 p.m. to 2 p.m., Tuesday, Sept. 26, in the J.W. Jones Student Union Ballroom.

Every academic department at Northwest will be represented at the fair. All students are encouraged to attend, especially those who are considering declaring or changing their major. Representatives from Career Services and Advisement will also be on hand to discuss different career options for students.

For more information about the fair, contact Career Services at 562-1250.

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Northwest was recognized for its Teacher Preparation Program, which focuses on the quality of preparing students to become effective teachers.

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sized the need and importance for mastering the most basic tool of art—drawing.

"Learn to draw, dedicate yourself to it and you'll create masterpieces," English said.

English has created several images and illustrations, mostly done within a 24-hour time period, for U.S. postage stamps, the National Park Service, IBM, RCA, Pfizer and many more.

"The fact that he is so self-confident that he can work so fast, yet I am so meticulous, inspires me as an artist," said Valerie Naas, Interactive Digital Media major. "He can just work, work, work and that obviously works for him."

For 20 years, English was an artist-in-residence for Hallmark Cards with works appearing in publications such as *Reader's Digest*, *Time* and *Sports Illustrated*.

"I feel I sucked a lot of people into reading some really bad literature," English said. "Although the scripts weren't always good, I tried to ignore what I read and find a good picture instead."

As an illustrator and established painter, English has received hundreds of awards for his work including "Artist of the Year" by the Artist Guild of New York and was elected into the Illustrators Hall of Fame in New York.

Today, English's works are shown in exhibits and galleries including the Smithsonian Institute, seven worldwide affiliated galleries and Northwest's deLuce Gallery.

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**Award-winning artist visits campus**

Tara Atkins  
Chief Reporter

Architectural landscapes filled with geometric trees and romantic portraits of less-than-beautiful women show students the ever-changing style of award-winning artist.

Mark English contributed his paintings for display in the Olive deLuce Fine Arts Gallery through Friday, Sept. 29, and offered advice to aspiring artists Monday.

"I'm always trying to make my work better and by constantly looking for things to make better than what they are as art," English said.

After several years of the University's art department's plead, English decided to accept the invitation to share his artistic experience as a guest for the annual Visiting Artist Series.

"After 30 plus years of idolizing his work, I was so pleased when I found out his daughter, Emily, was a student here and that one of the most famous artists would visit Northwest," said Craig Warner, associate professor of art. "It's like I am introducing the Pablo Picasso in my world."

Through English's experience as an illustrator and a gallery painter, he encouraged students to continuously change styles to discover new techniques and to keep the love of art fresh in mind.

Although his paintings are elaborate and detailed, each project begins as a basic 2-inch square pencil drawing, English emphasized.

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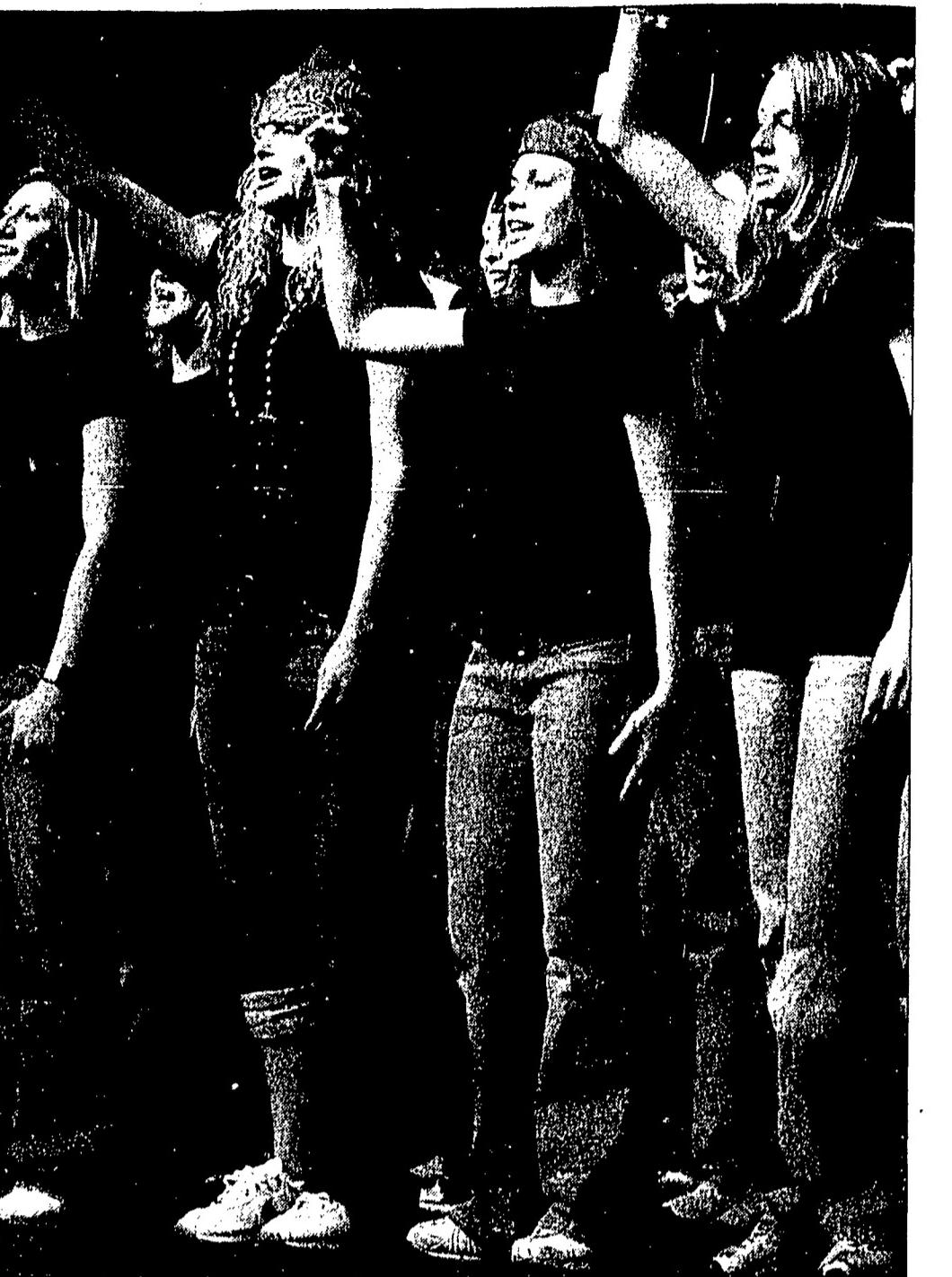
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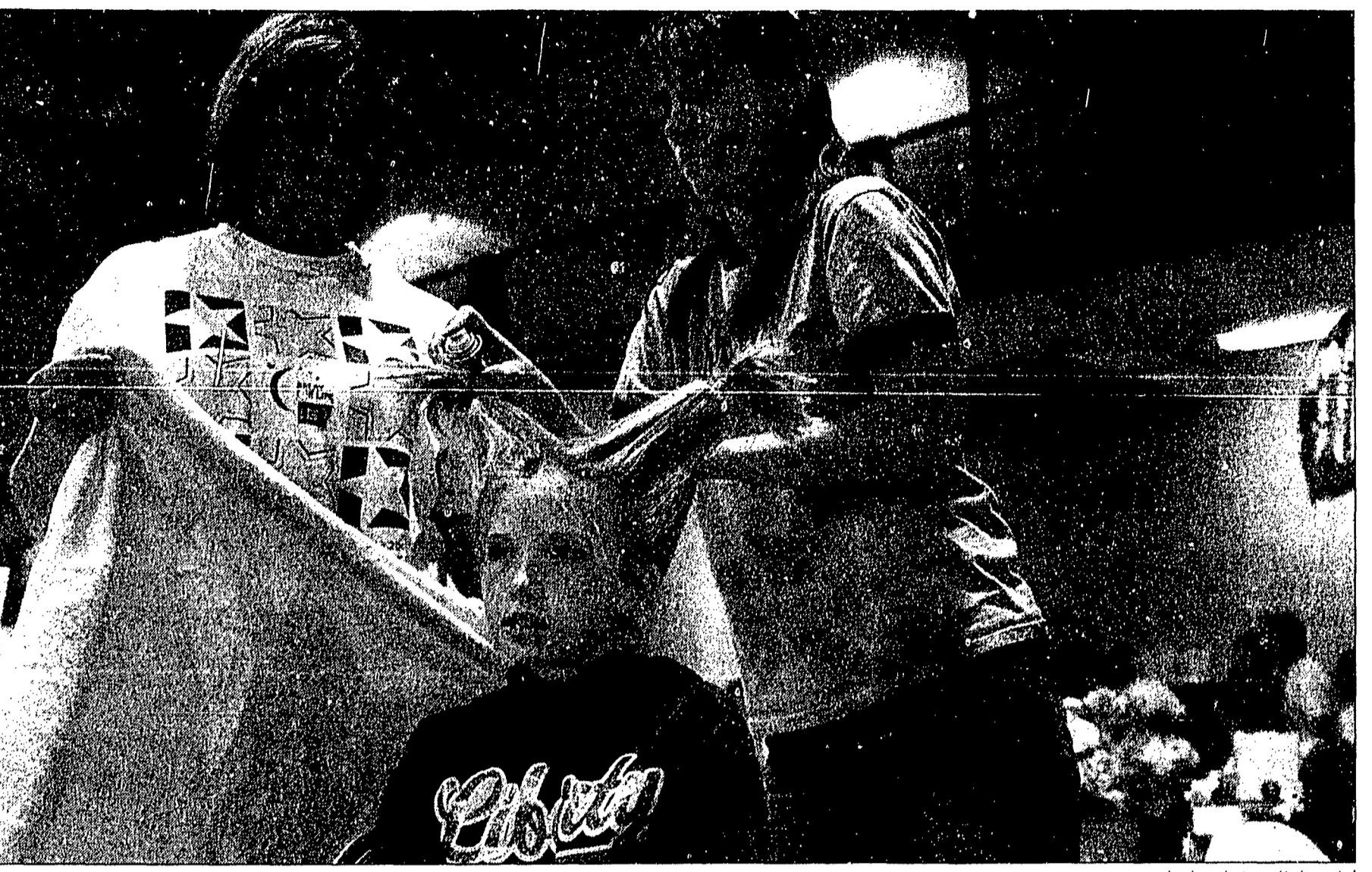
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**SISTER ACT**

Members of Sigma Kappa perform during sorority recruitment in front of potential new members. Sigma Kappa is one of seven sororities on campus that participated in formal recruitment.

"I don't know anyone that hasn't been touched by cancer," Mike Thompson, Mayor



Kathy Bernholz (right) placed plastic bottles in her daughter, Jayce's, hair and then spray painted it for Nodaway County's Relay for Life Sept. 8. The team charged \$3 per head to raise money for cancer survivors.

photo by chris lee | nwmissouri photojournalist

## OVERVIEW

## Terrifying tradition

Not thinking twice about letting a friend drink and drive must come to a halt

It appears most college students long abandoned the business of caring.

After a night of bar hopping or house parties your friend barely remembers where they parked their car. They probably won't even remember the drive home.

In an oftentimes drunken stupor of your own, you nonchalantly urge him or her not to drive. After slightly shaking their head in disregard of your advice, they hop in the car, the conversation and their taillights fading into the darkness.

How has drunk driving become more of the norm than the exception? More importantly, why does it appear few people care?

If your friend can't stand up straight, put their shoes on or form complete sentences, why would you let them get behind the wheel?

Why do you care about your friends in nearly every other respect, but when it comes to drinking and driving you don't want to be the "lame" friend who won't let them drive?

Call a friend, call Safe Ride at 562-1245, crash at a friend's house. Just don't drive.

You know you've heard this a million times: the public service reminder refusing to go away.

But maybe—just maybe—this time, you'll listen.

## African man: The endangered species?

By Samuel Muchiri  
Northwest student

Over the years, the number of African students at Northwest has continued to dwindle.

Tighter visa regulations after Sept. 11 are mostly to blame but here at Northwest, the organizations to blame are none other than Admissions and the Intercultural and International Center.

Prospective Kenyan and Nigerian students at Northwest have to pay a security deposit of \$4500 in order to get their 1-20s and admission letters.

I find this unfair and unjust and I condemn it in the strongest terms possible.

Africans have many challenges ranging from diseases like AIDS and malaria which exterminate millions annually to poverty and corruption just to mention a few.

United States is a popular destination for Kenyan students with more than 100,000 students. The admissions and IIC need to review this policy and allow some of this young talent to be part of our diversity.

Also the security deposit should be reduced to \$0 dollars as afforded to other students from other countries.

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(U-WIRE)



**For the Record**  
Lindsay Jacobs  
Chief Reporter

## Greek life a waste of money

Many Northwest students dive into Greek Life, but all they are really getting is an opportunity to drain their bank accounts.

Greek Organizations do some wonderful things; according to the Northwest Greek Life Web site, in 2003-04 all chapters combined raised over \$57,000 of philanthropies and participated in 40,000 hours of community service.

However, why should it cost much to participate in philanthropy work?

To me it all just seems like

a waste of time, and a really unnecessary way of jump-starting a person's social life.

I'm sure Greek Life

is for some people, but to me it seems pointless to pay for friends.

There are a lot of people who claim they have the greatest friends, and shockingly they are not in a Greek organization.

So money doesn't buy every-

thing. Do people honestly think they have to fork out hundreds of dollars a year just to fit in? Because I

can honestly say for as much time as people spend with the Greeks they could be missing out on some really great friendships that won't cost them anything.

As college students we don't have a lot of extra money lying around, so what's the point of paying for expensive dues, random items that have the name of a fraternity or sorority embroidered on them and a T-shirt for every occasion?

Not only do Greek organizations empty pocketbooks, they also take up a lot of free time. There are always weekly meetings, countless hours working on homecoming floats and hours spent finding the

perfect recruits.

Since Greek Life is a big commitment, students involved may also miss out on other things college life provides. There may be an organization on campus that would be perfect for a student, but being a Greek may hold them back from that.

Don't get me wrong, the Greeks raise a lot of money for philanthropies and volunteer hours of their time, but it is necessary to spend so much on dues and all the clothing and accessories?

It's probably movies like *Animal House* that made this lifestyle so appealing, but you don't have to be Greek to attend a toga party.

## Remember sacrifices have been made by those who died on Sept. 11

By Alex Carroll  
Daily News (Ball State U.)

(U-WIRE) MUNCIE, Ind.—Sept. 11 taught us many things as a nation. It taught us what is a true hero. It showed us how we all are connected here in America. It showed us how neighbors can embrace one another to recover from tragedy. It taught us that the human spirit is more powerful than any enemy could ever be. It revealed the character of this nation.

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## CAMPUSTALK

### In your own words, what is plagiarism?



"When you don't correctly quote or paraphrase and steal someone's words without giving credit," Amanda Preston

"Cheating," Arpit Sharma  
MBAMIS, graduate student

"A quote that's not yours, basically," Monique Garcia  
Social Psychology

"Using someone else's work without giving them proper credit," Joseph Silva  
Psychology

"When you take something of someone else's and call it your own," Miles Smith  
Agronomy

## PUBLICSAFETY

Sept. 8

■ Donald B. Kincaide, 18, Kansas City, Mo., MIP, No valid driver's license, improper registration; Max W. Anderson, 19, Liberty, Mo., Possession of a controlled substance, MIP, 100 block South Main

Sept. 9

■ Burglary, Property: purse and contents, wallet (recovered) and cash, 600 block West Halsey

Sept. 10

■ Recovered Property, black pet carrier, 200 block South Buchanan

Sept. 11

■ Burglary, Property: digital camera, iPod and Ring, 400 block North Hester

Sept. 12

■ Larceny from a vehicle, Property: sunglasses and change, 200 block East First

Sept. 13

■ Recovered Property, green duffle bag, checkbook, yellow purse, two CD holders, 300 CDs, auto cigarette lighter and earrings, 200 block East Third

Sept. 14

■ Burglary, Property: cordless drill, digital camera, three laptop computers, toolbox, jewelry, palm pilot, cassette recorder and laptop case, 200 block South Main

Sept. 15

■ Larceny from a vehicle, Property: iPod, charger and sunglasses, 500 block West Eighth

Sept. 16

■ Larceny from a vehicle, Property: black leather briefcase, black CD case with CDs and sheet music, 900 block North Dewey

Sept. 17

■ Forgery, Ongoing investigation, 100 block South Main

Sept. 18

■ Failure to return property, Property: black, 2200 block South Main

Sept. 19

■ Recovered property, Property: MasterCard Plus credit card, 500 block North Fillmore

Sept. 20

■ Lost/Stolen property, Property: Missouri License Plate, 300 block West Seventh

Sept. 21

■ Failure to return property, Property: bunkbed and mattress, 2200 block South Main

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Oct. 2

■ Failure to

## RODEO: Annual rodeo draws large crowd

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rodeo with other international students, Rudy Rigot from Lyon, France, said this was his first rodeo and that he was very surprised by it.

Rigot said the rodeo was great but didn't like the fact that children were involved. He said he didn't know it would be brutal, comparing the rodeo to the bull fighting in Madrid, Spain.

Rigot is a graduate student in France and decided to come to Northwest Missouri State University to try new things before graduating.

He said he liked the roping events and the rodeo clowns.

"This ambience, laughing all together is very good," Rigot said.

Mike Lenhart, 45, from Bedford, Iowa, has competed at the rodeo for the past two years. He began team roping when he was nine.

"One time you do good, the next time you don't," Lenhart said.

Lenhart's daughter is the break away roping champion and reserve goat tying champion in Iowa.



A participant in the Ed Phillips Memorial Rodeo learns first hand how rough Saddle Bronc Riding can be. This is the Rodeo's 12th year, and was presented by the Northwest Rodeo Team.

## SEMA: Homeland Security Response teams to be dispatched

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happen, to make the drill as realistic as possible. Public Information Officer Susie Stonner said they will be "full scale" and could include anything from a building collapse to a toxic chemical release.

The purpose of the exercise is to evaluate emergency response procedures on both the local and state levels, according to Stonner. It will determine how effectively local officials can collect, confirm and communicate important and sensitive information to the state.

At the same time, it will test Missouri's ability to quickly provide emergency response through

HRSTs.

The drill will affect parts of campus and the surrounding neighborhoods. Two campus parking lots, Lot 25 behind the Administration Building and Lot 26 in front of the Landscape Services Building, will be inaccessible from 7:30 a.m. until 3 p.m., as will portions of Seventh Street, Ninth Street and North College Drive.

Northwest students will also participate in the exercise, according to Campus Safety Director Clarence Green. Campus Safety, together with the Geography and Geology Department to recruit 60-90

subteams, depending on the nature and seriousness of the disaster, to stabilize the "crisis."

The HRSTs are funded through the U.S. Department of Homeland Security. There are 28 teams serving Missouri, divided into nine regions. The teams preparing to come to Nodaway County Saturday are from Buchanan County, Boone County, Johnson County, Hannibal, Kirksville, Sedalia and the Northland area of Kansas City.

While SEMA won't disclose exactly what types of disasters will

## Journalists released after appearing in coerced video

Joel Greenberg  
Chicago Tribune

JERUSALEM — Two Fox News television journalists kidnapped by militants and held hostage for nearly two weeks in the Gaza Strip were freed Sunday hours after they appeared in coerced video statements declaring they had converted to Islam.

"This is one of the first times we've done this with (SEMA)," Green said. "I look forward to the feedback report because it'll show our deficiencies and opportunities for improvement."

now I'm not, and so, thank God, but I'm OK ... and I'm going to be fine."

John Moody, Fox's senior vice president for news editorial, said in a network broadcast that "no conditions that we're aware of" were attached to the release of the journalists, although the hostages' video statements released hours before they were freed suggested that the declarations were part of the arrangement to let them go.

In the video the two men are shown separately, dressed in beige robes, declaring their conversion to Islam and raising their index fingers in an Arabic oath of allegiance to the faith.

Centanni read a written statement condemning U.S. policies in Iraq and Afghanistan, and the mistreatment of prisoners at Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Wig, also reading from notes, said: "People ask why they hate us so, but then they don't wait for the answer. It is Apache helicopters firing Hellfire missiles made in America that kill the residents of Gaza."

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Officials of the Hamas-led government had worked to free the journalists and criticized the kidnapping, saying the Palestinians' battle is with Israeli occupation. Hamas and other militant factions condemned the abduction, saying the residents of Gaza."

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## 'Cats fall short at Mule Run

Jared Verner  
Missourian Reporter

Men's cross country head coach Richard Alsup couldn't ask for a better start in his 30th year at Northwest.

"I really haven't thought about the 30 years," Alsup said. "People keep bringing it up."

The Bearcat men's cross country team finished second at the Central Missouri State Mule Run on Friday in their season opener. Northwest, predicted to finish third in the Mid-America Intercollegiate Athletics Association preseason coaches poll, finished higher than co-favorite Central Missouri State, last year's conference runner-up. Southwest Baptist took top team honors.

"We knew we could beat Central, but Southwest Baptist really surprised us," senior Matt Pohren said.

Pohren shaved over a minute from last year's time in the four-mile course to finish fifth overall and first for Northwest.

"O'Brien and Karah Spader ran real well this first meet," Lones said. "Jennifer Diburner had a good race her first time out as a freshman, as did Amy Benedict to start out."

Both teams will prepare to head to Lincoln, Neb., this weekend for the Woody Greeno/Nebraska-Lincoln Invitational on Saturday. The meet frequently features teams of all sizes and a challenging course for the Bearcat squads.

"Woody Greeno will have 25 to 30 teams. The better small college teams and the better Nebraska teams will be there," Alsup said.

O'Brien expressed concern about the course's hills and competition.

"It's a different meet overall," she said. "It's probably one of the hardest courses of the year."

## HICKORY: Squad not overlooking struggling Truman

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"They run a funky offense, man," linebacker Thomas Smith said. "It's something that you traditionally don't see too much. They run a lot of five-wide and stuff, pass-wise. The linemen are about 3 feet apart from each other across the line. It's something different that we don't see usually see but I know coach (Scott) Bestwick and the defensive staff will have us prepared like they do every week."

Defensively, Truman's opponents have only rushed for a total of 110 yards in their first two games. However, one of their opponents was Minnesota-Mankato who, as Bearcat fans know, hardly rush the ball. Truman's secondary has picked off two passes and Northwest plans to keep it that number as the 'Cats have not turned the ball over at all yet this season.

"No, I don't like to talk about it too much," Tjerdema said. "It's just one of those things, we're trying to take care of it and we've done a pretty good job so far. I've been around this

game long enough to know that can change. We're just going to keep doing everything that we can to get our team to understand how important that is. I think for the most part our kids have been really conscious of that."

According to Tjerdema, some of the reason for the lack of turnovers has been because of the protection quarterback Josh Mathews has received from his offensive line. The young offensive line has been able to keep opponents away from Mathews, only giving up three sacks on the season.

"There's definitely room for improvement but I'd say we're going to get better as the weeks go on," offensive line Gabe Frank said. "I think the Bearcats are about 3 feet apart from each other across the line. It's something different that we don't see usually see but I know coach (Scott) Bestwick and the defensive staff will have us prepared like they do every week."

Smith transferred in January from Division I-AA Northern Colorado. Tjerdema said Smith's transition has been very crucial to the team.

"He just has a lot of enthusiasm for the game, he brings a lot of energy," Tjerdema said. "I think because he has established so much credibility with his teammates by being a good teammate and picked up three sacks on the season. After the defense halted a late

scoring drive at the end of the second quarter that ended with a missed field goal by Nebraska-Omaha's Andrew McCawley, Northwest began the second half in the air for a couple seconds.

Peterson saw the ball floating and came back towards it and snagged it at the 15-yard line, he then started running back towards the 10-yard line while shaking off a couple Mavericks' defenders in the process. Peterson swung around all the way over to the other sideline and picked up 34 yards on the one touchdown.

"It didn't take long for the 'Cats

to drive 81 yards.

They only needed five plays and just more than two minutes to get in the end zone. On second down and two yards to go at Nebraska-Omaha's 48 yard line, Mathews found Robinson again, this time for a 45-yard gain. Running back Xavier Omon then pounded it in for a three-yard touchdown.

The Bearcats would go onto score twice more, once on a 73-yard touchdown pass from Mathews to E.J. Falkner and once on a two-yard run by Omon.

Mathews completed 14-of-21 passes for 257 yards for two touchdowns.

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## CLOSE: Late rally not enough to upend Bulldogs

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"My mom always said 'attitude is everything,' if you think you feel well, you will be."

-Meghan Hohl, Northwest student



Meghan Hohl (left) poses with her sorority sister, Julie Miles, during Fall 2006 Recruitment for Alpha Delta Pi. Hohl wasn't able to be involved as much as she would have liked because of being in the hospital so much.

Hohl goofed around with sorority sister Lori Hansen.

Photo courtesy of Meghan Hohl

## Silver LINING

By Evan Young  
University Editor

Jumping off her Roberta Hall loft and laughing with her best girlfriend, it's difficult to picture her lying miserable in a hospital bed.

Yet for Northwest freshman Meghan Hohl, the last two years have been a blur of emergency room visits, doctor's appointments and physical and mental hardship.

Meghan, 20, was born with a solitary kidney, a condition known as unilateral renal agenesis. Roughly one in 750 people are born with one kidney, according to the U.S. House of Representatives Congressional Kidney Caucus.

Because of her condition, Meghan has fought a series of back-to-back illnesses no person would ever want even once.

Starting her senior year of high school, she's faced mononucleosis, pneumonia, kidney and upper-respiratory infections and bronchitis. She's undergone several surgeries, having both her tonsils and a hernia removed within two years' time.

However, the impact of Meghan's maladies has gone far beyond her physical state of being. Having to miss much of her first trimester at Northwest last fall due to ailments, she faced failing grades in her classes and eventually decided to withdraw from the University altogether after Thanksgiving vacation.

The decision put her a trimester behind and, even after a tuition refund,

After spending most of her first year of college hospitalized, Northwest student Meghan Hohl attempts her freshman year again with bright hopes for the future

cost her and her parents a full trimester's room and board.

"My parents weren't too happy, but then they understood," Meghan said. "And I've paid them back."

Leslie Galbreath, Talent Development Center director, helped Meghan make the decision to start college over. She said even though withdrawal is a tough and undesirable choice for students, it is often the best option.

"Life happens, while you're here," Galbreath said. "I see my job as honest success. Sometimes that means helping them get out of here and take care of themselves first."

Since re-starting her Northwest career in January 2006, Meghan, an early childhood education major, has had to make up the general education courses she did not complete, including geography, composition and Enjoyment of Music.

By the end of the Spring trimester, Meghan had gotten her grades back up to a respectable level, but said she still isn't satisfied.

"I got B's and C's, which are better than D's and F's, but I will do better this semester," she said.

Meghan also had to catch back up with her social life. A member of Alpha Delta Pi, she had to miss the sorority's retreat last fall and couldn't participate in the group's Homecoming festivities because of her health problems.

"I really didn't get to know my sisters until second semester," she said. "However, Meghan said her sorority sisters are still a big help when it comes to her well-being.

"They yell at me to take my medicines when I get sick," she said. Meghan's family back home in Kansas City, Mo., is another inspiration. She especially fond of her brother Ryan, who has served overseas with the U.S. Army for the past four years—first in South Korea, and now in Iraq.

Even though she rarely sees him, Meghan said he does keep in touch and even made it to her Alpha Delta Pi initiation last November.

"My brother and I never got along when we were little. Now I think he's the coolest person I know. He amazes me," she said.

To friend and fellow Northwest student Ashley Ramsey, it is Meghan who is amazes her.

"There's never a dull moment with Meghan," Ashley said. "She's really off the wall and hyper, but it makes for really great memories."

The two have been close friends since their freshmen year of high school at St. Teresa's Academy in Kansas City. Ashley has accompanied Meghan on a number of trips to the University Health Center and in general has supported her friend through her troubled first months at Northwest.

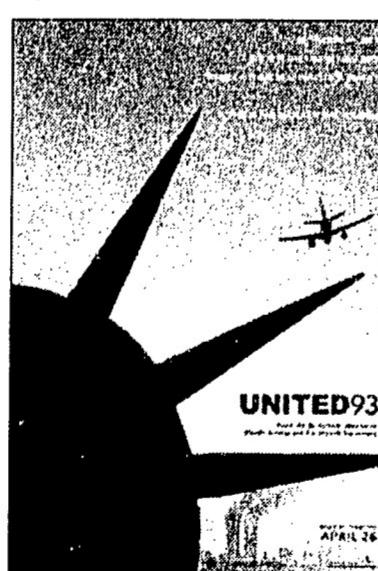
Meghan said she feels fine now, but advised new freshmen to take care of themselves during their first months at Northwest so they don't wind up in her shoes.

"It's not fun to end up in a hospital," she said. "Eat healthy. Exercise. Don't sweat the small stuff. It's basic stuff, but I was sick already. Then I stressed out over classes and got sicker."

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## 9/11 film captures the moment, emotion

Ashley Bally  
Contributing Writer



"United 93" was released just in time to commemorate the fifth anniversary of the Sept. 11 attacks. The film provides the cinematic answer to honor that day.

The film attempts to provide an account of what happened aboard the doomed flight. The movie charges head on into the events which lead from the hijacking up to the final gut-wrenching conclusion. The final sequence pins you to your seat and doesn't let up until the camera fades to black.

Director Paul Greengrass ("The Bourne Supremacy," "Bloody Sunday") adds a documentary style to the film with a fly-on-the-wall perspective. This allows the viewer to see the events as they unfold and experience the chaotic nature in which they were received.

This absence brings a more honest and realistic approach to the film. Along with the absence of atypical Hollywood celebrities, the picture is much more believable than other Hollywood attempts such as "World Trade Center."

All of the shots from the plane itself come from inside the cabin or cockpit. The cameras were often

in order to keep up with the quick camera switches and muffled dialogue, it helps to watch with the subtitles on.

"United 93" is a stellar example of a tragic film, which will leave the viewer with hope. The members of flight 93 sacrificed their lives in an attempt to save others. If you want a look at the more realistic side of events without the benefit of Hollywood sprucing this is the film for you.

Throughout the movie there is a resounding lack of music accompaniment to the scenes.

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**Taurus** (April 20-May 20)  
Today is a 7—Resist the urge to buy pretty things that you don't really need. Build a strong foundation now; you can add the frills later.

**Gemini** (May 21-June 21)  
Today is a 6—The assignment is not to do the tough job, but to actually have fun at it. This may require a shift in attitude. You can do it.

**Cancer** (June 22-July 22)  
Today is a 6—You're right, costs can be cut even further. Some associates are afraid this means they'll have to do without. Be persistent, they'll survive.

**Leo** (July 23-Aug. 22)  
Today is a 7—You certainly don't like somebody else to tell you what to do. When that person's right, however, it would be wise of you to listen.

**Virgo** (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)  
Today is a 7—You don't like to stir up controversy, but it may be necessary. Don't allow somebody else's lack of interest to ruin your grade.

**Libra** (Sept. 23-Oct. 22)  
Today is an 8—Pay attention to what you're doing. There are lots of distractions, but if you give in to them you'll be sorry you did. Keep your eyes on the prize.

**Scorpio** (Oct. 23-Nov. 21)  
Today is a 6—Don't talk about being frugal and nobody will even notice. You're looking good, so you don't have to tell them you got the outfit on sale.

**Sagittarius** (Nov. 22-Dec. 21)  
Today is a 7—You can't do everything, nor should you. Let somebody else assist by running errands and bringing you what you need. This includes colas and pizzas.

**Capricorn** (Dec. 22-Jan. 19)  
Today is a 6—Don't be stopped by a failure, they happen all the time. Don't run away from a tough situation, either. You can figure it out.

**Aquarius** (Jan. 20-Feb. 18)  
Today is an 8—Managing time and money are excellent skills to master. You'll get a chance to practice now. Don't complain; it's a valuable lesson.

**Pisces** (Feb. 19-March 20)  
Today is a 6—You have a spiritual advantage, but learning to use it takes practice. With help from those who love you, life will get a lot easier.

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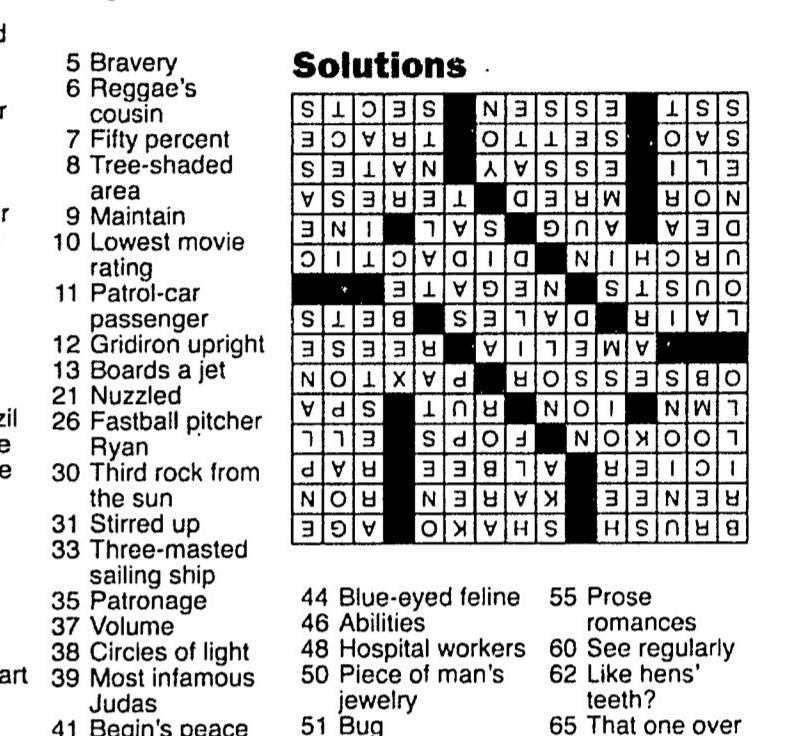
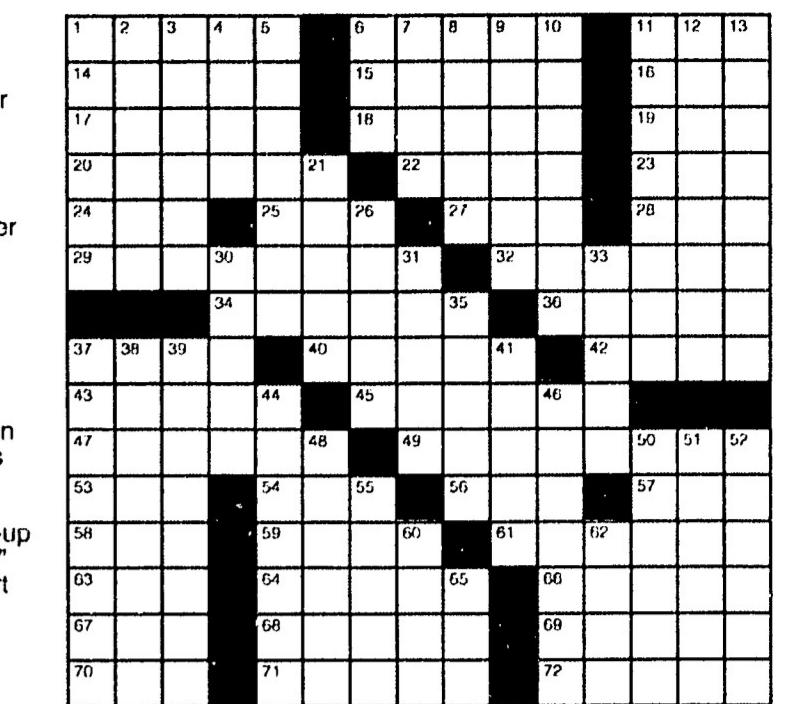
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## Crossword



# the DRINK DRIVE LOSE

**Every 31 seconds,  
someone dies in an alcohol-related car accident.  
Think about it...**

Kristin Summers and Lindsay Jacobs  
*Chief Reporters*

He never thought his Big Mac craving would land him a night in a jail cell.

Northwest Student Sam Daniel, 23 went to Mug Night at The Palms in the middle of June this past summer. After taking his date home he decided to drive through McDonald's.

As he left the McDonald's parking lot, he saw a Maryville Police officer pull out of another parking lot. The officer pulled him over and informed him one of his tail-lights was out. He asked if Daniel had been drinking, but the sobriety test did all the talking.

Daniel told the officer that he drank a few. The officer conducted a sobriety test and Daniel failed.

After arriving at the station, Daniel had to answer questions, and then take a breath analyzer test. Daniel blew a 0.143-.063 over the limit of 0.08.

He was required to spend eight hours in the detox tank.

Daniel lost his license for a month, after that month Daniel was restricted to just driving to school and work for the next two months.

Daniel said telling his family was the scariest part of the experience. He said his parents have always thought of him as being a good kid, and were disappointed in him.

"Nobody wants to disappoint their parents,"

Daniel said.

Daniel was informed on Father's Day that he would be taken off his family's car insurance because now he was upgraded to high-risk car insurance.

Daniel went to court, his attorney made a deal with the prosecuting attorney to get the DWI taken off his record, but he had to apply for high risk car insurance, attend a state alcohol education class and was sentenced to two years of probation.

While on probation any alcohol violation will be put down as a second offense.

Daniel said he now leaves his car at home every time he goes to the bar.

However, this was as a slap on the wrist compared to Northwest Student Kyle McDonough, 24, who received the same offense in Iowa.

McDonough was home in Osceola, Iowa. After attending a wedding on Aug. 26, McDonough and friends went on a bar crawl.

Shortly after returning to Westside, a local bar, she was ready to leave and drive the seven miles home. Less than a quarter mile away from her driveway, around 2:30 a.m., lights began to flash behind her.

At first, McDonough didn't think anything about it. She was asked to step out of her vehicle and perform a sobriety test. She took a breath analyzer test and blew a 0.3, which is 0.22 over the .08 limit, was handcuffed and taken into the police station.

Once arriving to the station, McDonough was asked questions and made the most nauseating phone call to her mother.

After changing her clothes into an orange jumpsuit, McDonough spent five hours freezing in a cell, and was given a pillow, sheet and wool blanket.

"I felt like I was in a third world country," McDonough said.

In the morning, McDonough talked to the Magistrate and experienced what she considers the "walk of shame" to the car.

McDonough was given a first offense OWI and fined \$1,950. She lost her license and will have to attend an alcohol safety class and her court date.

She described the week after her OWI as the week from hell. McDonough described herself as being at the bottom of the barrel.

Her friends were even concerned with her mood change, but she eventually found a way to deal with it all.

"It's better to laugh than cry," McDonough said.

Though her brothers tease her about the OWI, her sister in law hasn't spoken to her since McDonough told her, while her father and grandparents are still unaware of the incident.

McDonough said she refuses to drive even if she has had only a sip of an alcoholic drink.

"I got cocky and it bit me in the ass in the end," McDonough said.

## 3 in 10 Americans will be involved in some type of crash involving alcohol in their lifetime

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